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An Act To Enhance Traffic Safety with Regard to the Operation of Bicycles on Public Ways

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2063, sub-§2-B is enacted to read:

2-B. Riding to right. A person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall operate in single file with other bicyclists when being overtaken by a motor vehicle.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2063, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2015, c. 164, §6, is further amended to read:

7. Penalties. A person 17 years of age or over who violates subsection 2, 2-B, 3, 3-A, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13 commits a traffic infraction for which a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$250 may be adjudged. A person under 17 years of age is not subject to a fine under this section.

SUMMARY

This bill requires bicyclists operating on a roadway to ride in single file while being overtaken by motor vehicles and makes the failure to do so a traffic infraction.